



Law Enforcement Career Fair April 15

Four of Connecticut's largest police departments will be hosting a career fair for those seeking to work in law enforcement on Thursday, April 15, from 9 am -3 pm at Dunkin

Donuts Stadium, 1214 Main Street, Downtown Hartford. Representatives from the Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Waterbury Police Departments will be on hand at the event to

discuss the benefits and requirements of becoming a police officer with prospective recruits. The event is free and open to the public.



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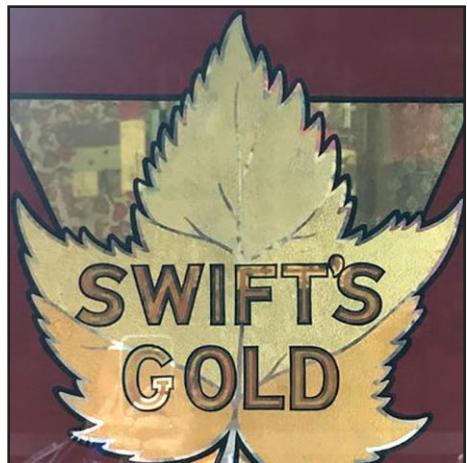
Rumblings from Love Lane

Inside the Swift Factory, all that glistens may not be gold

(Part one of a two-part story)

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

"Donated in 2010 to national non-profit Community Solutions, the Swift Factory is an adaptive reuse project in one of Hartford's poorest neighborhoods. The historic factory and surrounding campus will be transformed from a vacant and blighted structure into an economic engine for job creation. With a strong community-engagement process, the project's goals include job growth, economic development, community health, and community revitalization. This project will preserve a neighborhood anchor, while opening opportunities for a vibrant local economy, increase community resiliency and spark a turnaround." (From Swift marketing material)



The Plan:

Hartford held high hopes for the renovation of the former Swift gold-leafing company. Long empty, the dilapidated building in the city's North End "Promise Zone" was destined for a new incarnation that took several years after the project's first glowing announcement to get off the ground, finally opening two years ago. Seed funding—a \$32.4 million federal grant from the Economic Development Administration in 2017--was the impetus. To oversee the development and provide property management after its opening, the grant was placed in the hands of Community Solutions, a New York company, whose employees in Hartford include Swift's head of Leasing and Marketing and an on-site Assistant Program Manager. Job creation was the foremost goal

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The Vaccine is Spreading

With all Connecticut residents over the age of 16 now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, thousands of city residents are rolling up their sleeves and getting their shots. These included Arunan Arulampalam, Deputy Commissioner, State Department of Consumer Protection (above) who received his dose Monday from Pharmacist Edwin Anulewicz at Arrow Pharmacy on Farmington Avenue in Hartford, and Mayor Luke Bronin, who got his shot on Thursday at a mass vaccination for city employees at the Hartford Department of Public Works yard on Jennings Road. As of March 31, over 21,900 Hartford residents had received at least their first shot of the vaccine (Source: CT Department of Public Health). To find out how you can get your vaccination, turn to page 6. (Hart photo)



Hartford...Once Upon a Time



This 1962 photo of Village Street was taken just before this row of stores was demolished. A sign in the store at right reads "Removal Sale." In fact, Village Street itself, which was located near where Dunkin Donuts Stadium stands today, no longer exists. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library)

NEWS BRIEFS

Volunteer to Register Your Neighbors for the COVID-19 Vaccine

The City of Hartford is offering free training for those residents who are willing and able to sign up their fellow residents for the vaccine. All residents need is a phone, tablet, or computer with internet, and the City will conduct short trainings in English and Spanish on how to use the Calendly app to make vaccine appointments. Training is in the evenings via Zoom in English and Spanish. For more information on the volunteer program, please go to: <https://us.openforms.com/Form/c4e739ef-fd02-419d-8eb1-465110644dc6>.

MARG Meets TONIGHT

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 8, at 6 pm in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Guest speakers will be I. Charles Matthews, City of Hartford Director of Development and Aimee Chambers, City of Hartford Director of Planning. Public safety in the neighborhood will also be discussed. Those attending the meeting must wear masks and practice social distancing. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

Clean-up of Goodwin Park Set for April 10

The Friends of Goodwin Park will hold a clean-up on Saturday, April 10 starting at 10 am. Volunteers are asked to meet at the pondhouse near the Hubbard Road entrance. Garbage bags and trash pickers will be provided.

Access Health CT Special Enrollment Period Ends April 15

Due to high demand, Access Health CT (AHCT) has extended the deadline for its Special Enrollment from March 15 to April 15. The Special Enrollment Period is for consumers who are not currently enrolled in coverage through AHCT. Those who enroll before March 16 will begin receiving coverage April 1, 2021; those who enroll before April 15 will

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Remember a Loved One Lost to COVID

Last fall, the City of Hartford planted several "Gardens of Hope" throughout the city (such as the entrance to Colt Park, above) and now they are coming into bloom! If you are interested in placing a heart in memory of a loved one in Hartford who died from the COVID-19 virus, please register online at www.hartfordct.gov/hopegardens or call us at 860-757-9311. The website has a list of Community Hope Gardens across the City.

What's in Your Trash?

BY TOM SWARR

Who would have thought that a city with such pervasive poverty would be tossing \$475,000 in the trash? Over the last two years, the amount of recycled content recovered in the blue bins has dropped by 75%. While this trend was obviously aggravated by the pandemic, it preceded the virus and is predominantly the result of excessive contamination. That is, too much stuff in the blue bin that belongs in the black bin. The recycled materials that should be processed at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) on Murphy Road for a \$0 / ton tip fee are reclassified as waste and sent to the trash incinerator and charged a \$105 / ton tip fee. An extra 4,500 tons of recyclables are burned as trash and the Department of Public Works (DPW) takes a \$475,000 hit on its budget.

There's more bad news. Even back in 2019, our recycling rate was nothing to brag about-17%. (Note- these data apply only to residential homes with six or fewer units that are serviced by DPW. Larger apartment buildings must contract with haulers for waste management services.)

If we could boost our recycling rate to something closer to the state average of 30%, that could divert an additional 4,300 tons of material, saving taxpayers an additional \$450,000. Given the limited financial resources of the city, extra money spent on trash means other services

that DPW could provide are deferred.

There are a few simple steps we can take to improve our recycling rate. The first rule of thumb is "When in doubt, throw it out". The cost of losing a few recyclables to trash is much less than contaminating an entire truck load of recyclables with trash. Another important thing to keep in mind is that the ability to recover materials for recycling is limited by the equipment used to sort single-stream recyclables. Do not toss plastic bags or metal items in the blue bin. Plastic bags get tangled in the equipment, forcing periodic shutdowns to clean out the bags. Metal items can damage the sorting equipment.

Do not flatten plastic bottles and be sure they do not contain liquids. The sorting equipment is designed to recover light, round containers. Flatten cardboard boxes. The equipment is designed to recover flat paper and cardboard. That's why shredded paper cannot be recycled. Do not put recyclables in a plastic trash bag; the entire bag will be rejected as trash. Too many plastic bags and the entire truckload will be rejected. Do not include frozen food boxes, as they are coated with a plastic polymer that prevents the box from breaking up in the recycling process.

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Council Names Charter Revision Commissioners

On Monday, April 5th, the Hartford City Council met and voted to appoint the following 14 city residents to serve on the Charter Revision Commission.

- **Alexander Aponte:** attorney; former City Councilor (Democrat)
- **Arunan Arulampalam:** attorney; Deputy Commissioner CT Dept. of Consumer Protection (Democrat)
- **Steve Bonafante:** attorney, MDC Deputy Counsel (Republican)
- **Raul DeJesus:** former City

Councilor (Democrat)

- **John Gale:** attorney; City Councilor (Hartford Party)
- **Vicki Gallon-Clark:** Executive Director Blue Hills Civic Association (Democrat)
- **Kamora Herrington:** Owner-Operator Kamora's Cultural Corner (Working Families Party)
- **Ken Kennedy:** attorney; former City Councilor; Assistant Attorney General State of CT (Democrat)
- **Kathleen Kowalyshyn:** attorney (Democrat)
- **Melvin Medina:** ACLU National Campaign Strategist (Unaffiliated)
- **Yadira Rivera:** Career Navigator East Hartford Public Schools (Democrat)
- **Bruce Rubenstein:** attorney; City of Hartford Internal Audit Commission (unaffiliated)
- **Eon Smith:** attorney; (unaffiliated)
- **James Woulfe:** attorney; MDC commissioner; Hartford Housing Authority commissioner (Democrat)

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Politically Speaking

*A Fresh Look at Issues
 Facing our Region & State*

BY MIKE MCGARRY

Among the Missing

It's just a year, can you imagine? But how many side-effects of the COVID-19 virus are obvious: a nearly deserted Downtown Hartford; missing restaurants; stories of real economic hardship; and of course, those damn masks.

However, to take a personal point of view, we'll discuss specific losses, right here in River City, that have changed things dramatically in just a year...

First, we lost V's Trattoria, our favorite watering spot. Gone are the pizzas, hors d'oeuvres (sausage and peppers, oh Lord!) and the ever-changing selection of local beers. Will anybody ever match V's patio on a nice June evening?

Then, Max Bibo's on Trumbull Street shut its doors. That eatery could hardly be matched for a quick lunch and an interesting conversation with Bob, the owner. Many an afternoon we helped him close up while splitting a six-pack.

And, it looks like we'll be off to Marshall's or Walmart for affordable slacks since the Asylum Hill Congregational Church Thrift Shop has been a victim of all this. It had a great selection, well presented and fairly priced. That little shop kept us out of the big box stores and their massive parking lots. And knowing that the money you spent at the thrift store went toward good causes made one feel better about laying down your hard-earned cash.

Although we were fairly new at it, the Yard Goats games had a special magic which has been missing this past year. Guess they will open up later this spring, but will it be the same?

Remember last year's lost sum-

mer? Pools closed, all the major Riverfront Recapture events were cancelled, the camaraderies of the Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz was a thing of the past, and countless other events like the Puerto Rican Parade were cancelled. Even friends and family played it safe and stayed inside, for the most part.

This year, starting on Memorial Day, maybe we'll see the return of a traditional Connecticut summer. It's really up to the city and the state to light the fire and attract visitors to all our state has to offer.

And let's offer Hartford itself to its citizens, our neighboring towns and visitors from far and near. As we mentioned before, open up our treasures – the Old State House, the State Capitol, the Connecticut State Library and Museum – to the public on weekends. The Hartford Business Improvement District (BID) already has plans for keeping Pratt Street hopping this summer. Maybe you

have idea for an event on Pratt Street, like an art exhibit or a dance performance – pitch it to the BID, they might go for it. Or try another venue. We need mini-concerts, dancing, bookfairs and more all over town.

But, for anything to be successful, we need to promote it far and wide. And not only on social media, every town does that, but through TV, radio, newspapers and other forms of traditional media. The shortcomings of the digital world became evident during the past pandemic. Not everyone is online and even if those who are often miss things because there's just so much. So, city and state tourism offices and event promoters, go at it as though your future depends on it – because it just might.

Vaccines Available at Dwight Library

Vaccines against the COVID-19 virus will be available at Hartford Public Library's Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Avenue, on Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9, from 10 am - 4 pm. Griffin Health will be administering the Johnson&Johnson vaccine. No insurance required. This special clinic is open to Hartford residents only. For more information about the vaccine, visit griffinhealth.org.



New Mural on Talcott Street

Flowers and steam locomotives don't usually go together – but the combination works beautifully in the new mural that was recently painted on the previously blank wall at the corner of Talcott and Market Streets in Downtown Hartford. Artist Ben Stiller, who began his artistic career painting graffiti, is shown here working here working on the Talcott side of the project. The mural was sponsored by Shelbourne Associates, which owns the property (Hart photo)

Hartford Land Bank Takes a Big Step

BY TOM SWARR

The Hartford Land Bank is moving from promise to opportunity. Interim Executive Director Carey Shea is excited about the future of the organization as it puts its first two properties on the market and launches a search for the next Executive Director.

The Land Bank has been in development since 2016 when the CT Legislature authorized \$5 million for its creation. This past year, Hartford transferred title to seven vacant, tax foreclosed properties to the Land Bank. The seven properties highlight the promise and the challenges going forward. All had sat vacant for years, allowing the properties to suffer significant deterioration. These first two properties - 103 Earle Street, a three-family home, and 61 Charlotte Street, a two-family home - are being offered as-is. Thus, the Land Bank is looking for experienced builders/developers with adequate financing to successfully rehab the homes. Bidders will be vetted to ensure the homes are developed by responsible partners. The goal is to eventually bring the homes back into productive use, ideally as owner-occupied homes and safe and healthy rentals for existing residents.

Financing the rehab of these properties can appear overwhelming. However, Director Shea said that the numbers can work for multi-family homes since the potential rental income can help pay down loans. The dynamics of the Hartford real estate market allow the rents to be affordable, yet sufficient to cover loans. Single-family homes, however, can be more challenging, and Shea noted that reforms, such as the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act may be necessary. The Act, which has been introduced in the U.S. Senate calls for the creation of a new federal tax credit that will produce new equity investment dollars for the development and renovation of 1 to 4 unit- homes in distressed neighborhoods.

Shea observed that the role for the Land Bank is to provide a steady stream of land and structures that can be returned to safe and decent conditions. The Land Bank works with the city to resolve any liens or encumbrances against the property in order to establish a clear land



103 Earle Street (above) and 61 Charlotte Street (below)



title. The state grant gives the Land Bank a distinct edge, in that it has the working capital to help overcome some barriers to renovation, such as remediating asbestos or other environmental and health hazards. The goal is to stabilize the properties and help reduce the costs to refurbish the homes. Shea is excited about the future for the new director. In addition to the state funding, she noted the advantage of a strong working relationship with the city. They meet weekly with Development Services to review the portfolio of properties, and with the revamped anti-blight program, she looks forward to a more proactive strategy in addressing properties through blight liens and foreclosures to better protect properties from significant degradation that would increase renovation costs.

For more information on the two properties being offered, visit the Land Bank web page - <https://hartfordlandbank.org>. Simply click on the photo for property details or to submit a bid. There is also a page for vendor and supplier opportunities, where requests for bids for services are posted. Their board meetings are open to the public and held quarterly. The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27 at 5:30 PM.



Happy Easter from Hands On Hartford

On Easter Sunday, April 4, Hands On Hartford, 55 Bartholomew Avenue, Hartford, held its annual Easter Lunch for local residents, including Sandra Rivera (above, left). Among the many youngsters who attended the event was Zamira Luxenberg (right), who wore bunny ears for the occasion. (Hart photos)

City Parks are Springing Into 2021

BY DONNA SWARR



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As residents are getting vaccinated, we are starting to think about what can we do, while well aware of COVID safety protocols—masks and social distancing. Recreation staff will be in the parks acting as mobile MyRec registration ambassadors as well as monitoring parks to encourage the public to follow COVID safety practices. What is MyRec? Hartfordct.myrec.com is Hartford Recreation's online registration system. All recreation programming requires pre-registration via MyRec or calling (860)757-4880 or emailing recreation@hartford.gov. You will receive alerts to all Hartford Recreation's programs and special events.

The Park Ambassador Program continue this year on Saturdays and Sundays, noon--6pm starting Sunday, April 18th, at Elizabeth, Keney, Pope, Colt, and Goodwin. Staff will be handing out flyers and registering people in MyRec as a community point of contact for recreational programming.

A majority of in-person programs will be held outdoors throughout the city. Coming up is a Family Fun Fishing Derby at the Keney Park Pond House, for ages 12 and under on April 22nd, 4-7 pm. Special in-person events such as the Sip 'N Painting Party will be held on Friday, April 16th at the Keney Park Pond House for ages 21 and above. The cost is \$25 and includes snacks, beer and wine, and supplies. Go Fly a Kite will be held on Earth Day, April 22nd noon-2pm rain or shine at five locations where Hartford Recreation will be flying their kites: Elizabeth (near the Pond House), Bushnell Park (next to Pump House), Rawson School, Goodwin Park (Softball field) and Colt Park

Park Pond House, May 15th at Keney Park Pond House, and May 22nd at Metzner Center Gazebo. More information will be forthcoming.

Some programming will be a hybrid model, which will be held in-person, weather permitting. If the program cannot be held in-per-

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Virtual City Council Public Comment Session and Meeting April 12

On Monday, April 12th, the Hartford Court of Common Council will hold a virtual Public Hearing and City Council meeting via the Zoom platform. These meetings will be broadcasted by Hartford Public Access Television with recordings made available on the HPA TV YouTube and Facebook pages.

To sign up to speak, please reach out to David Grant (860) 757-9738, david.grant@hartford.gov. The deadline to register is 5:20 pm, Monday, April 12th. Once signed up, participants will be given the Zoom meeting details and will be asked to sign/call-in by 5:45pm for further instructions.

Public comment will begin at

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A continuing series of updates on former winners of SINA awards and scholarships

Ana Alfaro – NSA Winner '14

BY LOGAN SINGERMAN

This is a picture from 2014 when Ana Alfaro received a REACH Neighborhood Service Award. She was nominated due to her weekly production of the Analeh Show. The show was designed to relay important information to Latino viewers in Frog Hollow and throughout the state. In addition, the show served as a job training opportunity for Capital Community College Students who helped with production. Some of them went on to get jobs in network television. At the time, Ana was also working for Connecticut Light and Power, educating people about energy conservation and spreading awareness of programs like Energize CT, while being involved with as many other community projects as her schedule would allow.

So where is she now? The Analeh Show is now in its 15th year of production. It is still fulfilling its mission to keep the Latino community, “informed, motivated, and inspired.” Like every-

one else, the show had to pivot during Covid. They have not filmed in the studio for an entire year. Shows have been filmed over zoom, in homes, and in other creative ways.

Numerous people involved with the show lost their jobs during the pandemic, so the stipend provided by the show was vital. Ana is still filming La Revolución de Nutrición with Hartford Hospital that teaches how to cook popular foods in a nutritious way. Ana also continues to explore how she can use her networks to benefit the community.

The Analeh Show held their 11th annual holiday toy drive this winter conducted for the first time as a drive-thru, in partnership with the Hispanic Health Council and the United Way of Central and Northeastern CT. A virtual toy drive event (pictured below) was also held produced by BuzzEngine.

As far as her day time work, Ana is working

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Rowing on the River, COVID-style

Masked rowers make their way across the Connecticut River on Monday, April 5, the first day of Riverfront Recapture's 2021 rowing season. The organization has a wide variety of rowing programs for adults and teens. Last year, due to the pandemic, only one- and two-person boats were allowed on the river due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but this year the four- and eight person boats can be used. Riverfront rowing programs are open to all. For more information, go to <https://riverfront.org/rowing/> for more information.

ESPN Youth Mentoring Program

Youngsters ages 12-16, can now meet and be matched with a mentor from ESPN, and learn about a variety of disciplines used within the worldwide sports network, including production, videography and more. This special enrichment program is geared toward career possibilities. To register, go to hartfordct.myrec.com

Kids' Fishing Derby at Keney Park April 22



The annual Keney Park Family Fun Fishing Derby for kids 12 and under will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 4-7 pm. at the Keney Park Pond House, 383 Edgewood Street. All recreation programming requires pre-registration via <https://hartfordct.myrec.com/> or call (860)757-4880 or email recreation@hartford.gov to participate.

City Parks

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son, then the program will be held via Zoom, either as video or live streamed on social media. The hybrid virtual and socially distanced walking group, City Strollers, was created to encourage physical activity among Hartford residents, and those who work in or for the city. Special lunch break sessions will be starting soon, on Thursday, April 15th.

Meet Hartford Recreation Staff for a walk in the park! 2 days a week from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Register to join. Parks are TBD.

Virtual programming will be available throughout the year. These programs will be held 100% online. Some will include supplies such as Grab 'N Go Craft Kits for kids of all ages. Virtual fitness programming includes Adult Zoom Zumba, Stay Fit for Life, Youth Baseball for ages 5 and up, Baseball Spring Training, Double Dutch, ages 8 and up for both girls and boys, and Family Fun Fridays.

Upcoming spring programming is still in progress. Some of these will include monthly Picnic and Play Days featuring fun family activities such as karaoke, bingo or mobile games; bring your own picnic.

What about this summer? Everything is still in the planning process, but there will be a staggered opening of all outdoor pools. All of the favorite programs will be offered, including the aquatics team, swimming lessons, lap swim, adult swim, and family swim. Indoor pools will only be open for

training or specialized programs. The Recreation team is reimagining Summer Kamps. They'll be the same great experience, and this year will be spread all over the city. The Leadership in Training program is returning, giving Hartford teens the opportunity to work, play, and learn side-by-side with our recreation team.

To know what recreational programming is being offered, plus details and any changes or additions, go to hartfordct.myrec.com website and @Hartford Recreation Instagram. Log into MyRec and register to stay up to date with fun things to do this spring and summer for you and your family.

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Swift Factory

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of Swift's—and Community Solutions'—mission, but before that could happen there had to be leasing. One of the first tenants announced was the Bears restaurant group. Their plan was to rent kitchen space for food prep, and was expected to create 40 jobs in that North End community. For reasons unknown, Bears backed out. Some other businesses signed leases but never moved in; others did but didn't stay long. There are still a lot of vacant spaces for rent at the complex, but there are also tenants determined to make a go of their business plans. One of them is Jendayi Miller, owner-operator of the non-profit Angel of Edgewood (profiled in this paper last year) who has received a lot of public commendation and media attention for her work preparing and delivering food, household supplies, and holiday gifts to those experiencing hunger and poverty. She's assisted by volunteers from all around the metro Hartford area and has a board of directors.

Problems:

In the past several months, Miller has—as have other tenants—brought issues regarding the facilities that required attention to the Community Solutions management in Hartford and New York. As a result, she has been reprimanded, ignored, called an “angry Black woman” told to “cut this out”, and ultimately threatened with the loss of her lease. Jendayi Miller avers that it is Community Solutions that is in violation of her lease agreement.

She provided the Hartford News with a copy of the letter her attorney sent to CS pointing out some pertinent clauses in the lease: “It is my understanding that agents and/or managers of Community Solutions Inc. have allegedly violated provisions of the sponsorship agreement between Community Solutions & Angel of Edgewood. Specifically, Section 9, which states: ‘The Sponsor shall permit the Operator to operate freely within the guidelines of the Project’s purposes and

shall not interfere with such purposes, and, subject to paragraphs 2 and 4 above, all right, title and other ownership interests in and to the Operator including, without limitation, tangible and intangible property arising out of the Project and all income arising therefrom, shall be for the sole benefit of the Operator.’ Moreover, Angel of Edgewood Inc. has evidence of continued interference with their operations, including but not limited to (the Leasing and Marketing manager) providing access to third parties into Angel of Edgewood’s space, and slandering Angel of Edgewood’s founders to third party organizations and individuals. Based on this conduct, Angel of Edgewood Inc. may have claims and causes of action against Community Solutions sounding in breach of contract, tortious interference of a business contract and unfair trade practices. Please consider this letter as a formal request to cease and desist all tortious conduct and interference with Angel of Edgewood Inc.’s business activities. Should my client’s request for cessation not be honored they will

pursue all legal remedies available under the law, including but not limited to the initiation of a lawsuit.”

No Security:

One week before Christmas 2020, Jendayi Miller and her husband rented a van and loaded it with holiday gifts and food to be delivered to area families who'd signed up with Angel of Edgewood for donations. On the way to make the deliveries, they stopped at Swift to pick up more items from her rented space. Upon returning to the parked and locked van, they discovered the windows had been smashed and the gifts inside stolen, incurring several hundred dollars in loss and liability. She reported the break-in and theft to HPD, and also heard from a neighborhood resident that some local teenagers had been involved. Miller had seen them hanging around outside before she'd entered the building. Soon after, she posted a photo of the vandalized rental van on Facebook and asked if anyone living in the area had any information.

tion to share about the theft. The post went viral and was shared 65 times. The media—both print and television—took notice and did stories on Angel of Edgewood and the theft. The response was a near-instant flood of donations of money and merchandise (which Miller had not requested) to offset the loss as well as a number of volunteers wanting to help her in her mission—a number that has continued to grow. The publicity did not sit well with Community Solutions. In an email, she was chided by CS management for calling the police and for seeking information on the perpetrators of the theft: “You know we will do everything to keep you and all of our tenants, their property safe, that’s what the whole project is about, opportunity leads to safety and prosperity...That’s the most negative press we have had ever. Will people read it and think, we must persevere, or will people read and think, I’m never going there...Personally, I’d rather give these kids a job picking up trash in the neighborhood than to see them arrested.”

The original plan for Swift told prospective tenants that there would be an HPD sub-station in the area to increase safety and security for the neighborhood and the Swift factory tenants. CS pulled back after the George Floyd murder, saying the presence of the sub-station would be “insensitive” to the community. They then promised tenants an on-site security officer presence at Swift 24/7. It hasn’t happened yet. Jendayi Miller is not the only tenant frustrated by Community Solutions dismissal of their concerns, and says that the company, while totally focused solely on job creation in the community (a stipulation of the federal grant, and whose results have so far been below par), has ignored the rent-paying tenants—business professionals—who CS talks down to and attempts to micromanage, particularly the Black-owned businesses. “The Swift tenants, we are also a community”, said Miller. “There’s a toxic environment among tenants and it’s going to blow up. CS manipulates, and makes promises that never happen.”

In Part 2 next week, the Hartford News will cover issues reported by other Swift tenants, the responses from Community Solutions, and more.



CT Al-Anon Courage to Change Meeting

Strength and Hope for Friends and Families of Alcoholics – Meetings are available almost everyday.

A full list of Zoom accessible meetings can be found at www.ctalanon.org. Please look at Meetings by Town for the most updated information.

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ALL CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS AGE 16 AND OLDER ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE COVID-19 VACCINE. Other persons who are now eligible regardless of age include healthcare personnel; medical first responders; residents and staff of long-term care facilities and congregate living facilities; and educators and childcare providers. The vaccine is free. No insurance is required.

Make an Appointment

By Phone:

- Multilingual State Line: 877-918-2224, M-F 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.
- Multilingual Hartford Healthcare Line: 860-827-7690, M-F 8 am-5 pm
- Multilingual City Health Dept: 860-757-4830, M-F 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. City is expanding staffing to answer calls.

Online:

- ct.gov/covidvaccine: State of CT: Put your zip code in top corner
- HartfordHealthCare.org/vaccine: Hartford Healthcare (Hartford Hosp.)
- TrinityHealthOfNE.org/appointment: Trinity Healthcare (St. Francis Hosp.)
- City of Hartford: <https://www.hartfordct.gov>. There is a link at the top of the City of Hartford website to the City Vaccine Interest Online Form.

Where to go for your vaccine

- **Every Saturday: Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 10 am - 3 pm.**
Appointment required! Call (860) 757-4830 or go to City of Hartford website and click on Vaccine Registration Form.
- **Every Tuesday, 9am - 4 pm: parking lot across from Dunkin Donuts Stadium, 1215 Main Street, (vaccine site managed by Charter Oak Health Center). Call 860-550-7500 and then dial 0 to make an appointment (required).**
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Community Health Center, 76 New Britain Ave., (860) 547-0970
- Community Health Services, 500 Albany Ave., (860) 249-9625
- Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, 282 Washington St., (860) 545-9000
- Hartford Healthcare Clinic (CT Convention Center), 100 Columbus Blvd., 860-827-7690
- Hartford Hospital, 85 Seymour St., 860-827-7690
- Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main St., Monday-Friday, 8:20am - 3:40 pm. Call/text 860-890-3161 or email: AdvocacyToLegacy@gmail.com
- Saint Francis Hospital, 260 Ashley St., 1st Floor
- South End Senior Center, 830 Maple Ave., 877-918-2224
- Walgreens Pharmacy, 1291 Albany Ave.
- Charter Oak Health Center, 21 Grand St., 860-550-7500
- Walgreens Pharmacy, 161 Washington St., (860) 522-5005
- Wheeler Family Health & Wellness Center, 43 Woodland St., 860-793-3500

Free Transportation to Coronavirus Testing & Vaccine Sites Available to Hartford Residents

The City of Hartford will provide transportation to Coronavirus testing appointments to residents who meet the following criteria:

- No other means of transportation is available
- A Confirmed Test Order and A Testing Appointment
- A Confirmed Vaccine Appointment
- Appointment at facility in Hartford

For assistance, call 311 or (860) 757-9311. Staff available Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm. For urgent appointments or change to existing transportation appointments after hours and on Saturdays, residents can call (860) 757-9525.

What's In Your Trash

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Glass is trickier. Some will argue we should buy everything in returnable glass containers. However, the only glass that is recycled is from deposit bottles returned to redemption centers or vending machines at the supermarket. I personally try to buy everything in plastic containers if possible, because plastic is more easily recycled, and the light weight of plastic has significant environmental benefits in transport impacts. But again, some simple rules: Return

deposit bottles rather than tossing in the blue bin. Make sure there are no caps or lids on glass containers. If you don't want to be bothered returning the deposit bottles, simply put them out beside your bins on trash day and they will be recovered by the informal bottle-pickers. Do not put ceramics, china, dishes, clay pots, window glass, light bulbs, or mirrors in the blue bin.

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**Sip 'N' Paint Party
April 16 At Keney**

It doesn't matter if it's your 1st time holding a brush, or you're a Picasso. Have fun as you sip on wine or beer, have a snack while you are led through creating your own work of art. The City of Hartford Recreation Division will be hosting an in-person "Sip 'N' Paint Party on Friday, April 16, from 6 - 9 pm. Keney Park Pond House, 383 Edgewood Street, Hartford. The cost is \$25.00 and includes: snacks, beer, wine and all art supplies. You must register for this event at hartfordct.myrec.com by April 4. You must be 21 years of age or older.

**Earth Week Bike
Ride April 17**

BiCiCo will host an Earth Week Bike Ride on Saturday, April 17 starting at 8:30 am. The planned route is about 10 miles and will be

ridden at a family-friendly pace. Starting point is the lot across from BiCiCo (95 Park Street). This event is free but registration is required. To register, go to <https://centerlatino.wufoo.com/forms/sat-april-17-earth-week-hartford-ride>. Facemasks required.

**Colt Park Clean-up
April 17**

The Friends of Colt Park will hold a clean up of the park on Saturday, April 17, starting at 10 am. Volunteers are asked to meet at the picnic table by the playscape. Please email swards@comcast.net to register to join us. We will have gloves, bags, pickers, carts for picking up branches as well as coffee and a snack.

**Virtual Complete
Streets Meeting
April 22**

There will be a virtual meeting on Hartford's proposed Complete Streets Plan on Thursday, April 22 at 6 pm. This meeting will be held over webex, <https://tinyurl.com/ddsCS042221>. If you would like to be involved as the Plan moves forward, let us know at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/CSTaskForInterestForm>. The Plan can be found at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ddsCSPlan>.

**Job Training
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**Earth Day Clean-up
at Kamora's Corner
April 24**

Kamora's Cultural Corner will host a clean-up and beautification of its Sterling Street Nature Reserve and Sanctuary on Saturday, April 24, from 9 am - 1 pm. Wear comfortable clothes and "be prepared to get dirty." The event will also include a book-give-away and a sale of "Our Black People Are Fabulous" lawn signs.

SINA: Ana Alfaro**Continued from page 5**

for Eversource and has transitioned from outreach and education to focusing on community service projects for employees. Through her work, employees have built homes with Habitat for Humanity, worked on community gardens for Knox, served as judges at the Connecticut Invention Convention, cooked and served

show. Unfortunately, NBC 30 decided to cut the program. "I knew how important the show was," Ana said, "and thought that someone should continue it". Fortunately, Ana stepped up and was that person. Over the course of a couple years, overcoming various obstacles, the first pilot show was filmed in 2006.

Ana learned the importance of giving back and what it truly means, when she was asked to serve on the

**"If you stay active, it can
make a difference for future
generations."**

Ana Alfaro

meals at Mercy Housing, and much more.

It is fitting that Ana would be organizing volunteer projects because that is what started her path towards TV production. When Ana moved to Hartford from the Bronx, she was new to the area. She started watching community shows on NBC 30 which helped her learn what was going on. It also sparked her interest in wanting to be involved on the other side of the screen. So, Ana called the host of the show and was told to come in and volunteer. She was trained and over time, eventually produced and hosted her own

board of a community health center a little after arriving in Hartford. She initially said no, but eventually agreed. That first yes was the doorway that led to many other opportunities to serve. One of those opportunities was a group trying to get a new branch of the library built in the Frog Hollow neighborhood. This summer, after two decades of consistent work, that library is finally going to open. Ana sees this as a powerful example of how important it is to be at the table. "If you stay active, it can make a difference for future generations." That is the ultimate goal and the passion that still drives her today.

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El Informativo Latino

El Depósito De La Botella Puede Aumentar A Diez Centavos

Los legisladores y ambientalistas apuntan a aumentar la tarifa de depósito de botella de cinco centavos a diez centavos. Para los residentes que habitualmente depositan botellas en su supermercado más cercano, un nuevo cambio podría afectarlos.

Los legisladores buscan aumentar el depósito gratuito de cinco centavos a diez centavos.

Desde finales de los 70, la gente ha estado pagando cinco centavos por botellas y latas, pero ahora que hay más tipos de bebidas en los estantes, los legisladores esperan modernizar el lenguaje del proyecto de ley.

"Cinco centavos, diez centavos, no hay problema. Siempre que obtenga algo de eso, ¿sabe?" dijo Sebastian DiDomenico de Farmington.

Para la mayoría de las personas, reciclar botellas y latas es su forma

de obtener algo de dinero extra.

Para la residente de Berlín, Lori Dwyer, dijo que le ha salvado la vida.



Dwyer dijo que estuvo desempleada durante la pandemia porque está inmunodeprimida. Su nuevo ajetreo para mantener un techo sobre su cabeza es reciclar en Stew Leonard's.

Ya sean cinco o diez centavos, Dwyer está abierto a cualquiera.

"Tuve un pequeño problema con el desempleo aquí y allá, lo cual sé que todo el mundo tuvo, pero básicamente me ha ayudado a superar todos estos tiempos: pagar mi casa. Sin él, estaría en problemas", dijo.

Sin embargo, el problema es que solo se canjea hasta el 50% de los

contenedores, según Carroll Hughes, de la Asociación de Tiendas de Paquetes de Connecticut.

"No todo el mundo canjea. Este año, quedarán \$ 42 millones que la gente no canjeó por el contenedor", dijo Hughes.

Los otros tipos de contenedores terminan al costado de las carreteras o en el flujo de desechos.

Es por eso que legisladores como el representante Joe Gresko están trabajando con ambientalistas para expandir el lenguaje del proyecto de ley para que pueda incluir otros tipos de botellas como nips y bebidas deportivas.

"Hay que tomar una instantánea en el tiempo en 1981. La basura era probablemente botellas de refrescos y botellas de cerveza y por eso se incluyeron en una factura: es básicamente una factura de control de la basura", agregó Hughes.

Gresko señaló otra razón para el aumento de tarifas.

"China ya no está aceptando nuestros materiales reciclables, así que en lugar de ganar dinero con los materiales reciclables, tenemos que pagar dinero para deshacernos de ellos", dijo el representante Joe Gresko del Distrito 21. By Iris Rodriguez



En la celebración de Viernes Santo, el pastor Adalberto Ortiz de la primera Iglesia Bautista, 210 Washington St. Hartford. El pastor Adalberto Ortiz estuvo en La Diferente Radio 1710 AM con un servicio de oración y palabra Dios. Les invitamos para que lo sintonicen en su programa La Biblia todos los jueves, a las 11:00 am. En La Diferente Radio.

Personas mayores de 16 años son elegibles para vacuna de Covic-19 en CT

Los residentes de Connecticut mayores de 16 años ahora pueden comenzar a programar citas para sus vacunas COVID-19 esta mañana.

Los residentes elegibles para recibir una vacuna pueden crear una cuenta en el Sistema de Gestión de Administración de Vacunas (VAMS). El registro es el primer paso en el proceso de hacer una cita de vacunación.

En un comunicado emitido el miércoles por la tarde, el gobernador Ned Lamont dijo que el estado estaba en camino de abrir las citas para la vacuna COVID-19 al último grupo de edad adulta de los residentes de Connecticut, pero instó a las personas a ser pacientes.

Para ayudar en los esfuerzos, Connecticut implementó nuevas ubicaciones de clínicas de vacunas en el estado.

"Mientras nos preparamos para expandir la elegibilidad de la vacuna al último grupo de adultos el jueves por la mañana, habrá una avalancha

inicial de personas que intentarán hacer citas durante los primeros días, similar a lo que experimentamos cuando nos expandimos a otros grupos por edad. Insto a todos a que tengan paciencia y vuelvan a consultar ya que cada día se agregan nuevas citas", dijo Lamont en un comunicado ayer.

Cómo obtener una cita para la vacuna COVID-19 en Connecticut

Por teléfono: Llame a la línea de asistencia para citas de vacunas de Connecticut al 877-918-2224, los siete días de la semana de 8 a.m. a 8 p.m. para programar en sitios seleccionados. En línea: programe una cita de vacunación COVID-19 en VAMS, el Sistema de gestión de administración de vacunas. Nuevas ubicaciones de farmacias como parte del programa de vacunación de Connecticut

El estado también anunció más de 100 farmacias adicionales que comenzarán a ofrecer la vacuna COVID-19 en los próximos días. By Iris Rodriguez

CRCOG RFQ

El Consejo de Gobiernos de la Región del Capitolio (CRCOG) está buscando asistencia para la coordinación de proyectos de demostración de calles completas y oportunidades de capacitación. Puede encontrar una Solicitud de calificaciones, que incluye un alcance preliminar del trabajo, los requisitos de la firma consultora y las instrucciones de presentación en el sitio web del CRCOG en <http://crcog.org/rfpfq/>. Las preguntas deben dirigirse por escrito al personal del CRCOG indicado en la RFQ. El CRCOG debe recibir las declaraciones de calificaciones a más tardar a las 2:00 p.m. el viernes 7 de mayo de 2021. Las respuestas recibidas después de esta fecha y hora no serán consideradas.

CRCOG RFQ

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is seeking assistance for the coordination of Complete Streets Demonstration Projects and Trainings opportunities. A Request for Qualifications, including a preliminary scope of work, consulting firm requirements, and submission instructions may be found on the CRCOG website at <http://crcog.org/rfpfq/>. Questions should be directed in writing to the CRCOG staff indicated in the RFQ. Statements of qualifications must be received by CRCOG no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 2021. Responses received after this date and time will not be considered.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF Rubie Lee Moore (21-00023)

The Hon. Foye A. Smith, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Hartford Probate Court, by decree dated April 1, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Francesca Knerr, Esq., Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
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